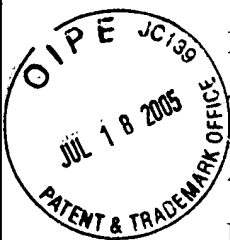


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: PROCESSING METHOD,)
: AND STORAGE MEDIUM)
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 16, 2005, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the Group III claims, namely Claims 16 to 21 and 74 to 76. The election is made without traverse.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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